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Westhampton Mass. Annual Reports 1903

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

WESTHAMPTON, MASS.

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1, 1903.

ENTERPRISE PRINTING CO.,
EASTHAMPTON, MASS.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

STATE HIGHWAY.

F. C. Montague, Supt. and team work	$133 95
E. B. Clapp, team and labor	56 60
A. T. Edwards	40 00
George Benson	80 00
E. J. Hathaway	66 00
Levi Burt	23 60
William Adams	16 00
E. H. Montague	90 50
A. D. Montague	9 00
L. A. Howard	60 05
C. N. Loud, gravel	38 60
W. H. Riley & Co.	16 80
W. N. Potter, Sons & Co.	1 15
J. A. Sullivan	3 65
Edward Connelly	26 35
Fred Brooks	27 85
David Gaitenby	19 50
M. D. Welch	21 00
Edward Higgins	19 50
James Pollard	3 00
C. Vinning	19 50

Calvin Hathaway	19 50	
E. J. Burt	10 05	
O. Flint	1 00	
George Coleman	2 00	
Joe Patrick	1 25—	$806 40

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

SNOW BILLS FOR FEBRUARY, 1902.

C. A. BARTLETT, SUPT.

S. D. Lyman	3 21	
W. R. Lyman	2 55	
Almon Benson	3 33	
George Hathaway	5 70	
C. N. Loud, on bridge	7 05	
P. Connery	30 00	
Henry L. Dodge	4 88	
Arthur Damon	33	
Charles Haunton	32	
Arthur Edwards	5 93	
C. A. Bartlett	2 00—	$65 30

G. A. WITHERELL, SUPT.

H. C. Williams	4 50	
E. J. Hathaway	11 50	
F. Howard	61 12	
Bridgman & Montague	25 27	
I. O. Shaw	10 50	
F. E. Holdridge	17 15	
Charles Braman	79 66	
Leonard Braman	2 67	
George L. Hathaway	6 62	
C. T. Williams	22 05	
Fred Tilden	9 75	

H. L. Dodge	121 82	
M. J. Whelan	3 91	
E. S. Gorham	21 75	
Jack McCarthy	1 50	
Obonier	6 00	
P. Connery	74 16	
A. Searle	3 50	
A. L. Snow	42 13	
S. D. Lyman	16 74	
Julius Billeaux	7 50	
P. Boucher	6 00	
A. T. Edwards	30 08	
Charles O'Connors	34 05	
S. A. Rust	1 50	
W. H. Lyman	7 50	
F. Niles	3 00	
A. E. Damon	12 56	
H. M. Parsons & Son	6 22	
Fred Weeks	26 65	
A. Weeks	3 00	
George Knight	1 50	
George A. Witherell	232 47	
N. Montague	50 31	
H. M. Clapp	1 50	
C. Benson	11 57	
A. D. Rice	2 00	—$ 979 71

TOWN OFFICERS.

F. A. Loud,	clerk	$15 00
"	sealer	5 00
"	elector	4 00
"	registrar	6 00

F. A. Loud, recording births, deaths and marriages	6 10	
" paid for return of births	1 75—$	37 85
A. K. Chapman, treasurer		25 00
A. D. Rice, selectman	18 50	
" assessor	17 50	
" overseer of poor	3 50	
" registrar	5 00—	44 50
F. C. Montague, selectman	14 00	
" assessor	6 00	
" overseer of poor	9 00	
" registrar	6 00—	35 00
E. B. Clapp, selectman	6 25	
" assessor	20 00	
" registrar	3 00—	29 25
H. M. Clapp, auditor		2 00
G. E. Knight, constable		4 50
N. L. Montague, election officer		1 50
John Pollard, " "		1 50
S. D. Lyman, cattle inspector		20 00
Levi Burt, " "		13 84
A. K. Chapman, election officer		1 50
Total,		$216 64

MISCELLANEOUS.

T. W. Collier, claim on highway	$ 50 00
W. H. Lyman, housing road machine	2 00
Irwin & Hardy, T. W. Collier case	41 32
A. K. Chapman, bill for state	11 67
Enterprise Printing Co.	27 40
A. K. Chapman, district court	10 88
" recording mortgage	1 00

Gladys Post, Clark scholarship		80	
H. A. Parsons, insurance on library	22	50	
E. W. Kingsley, mowing cemetery	6	00	
J. J. Fisher, damage reopening highway	35	00	
H. A. Parsons, st. lamps, oil, water tank	19	99	
" Water Co., cementing	10	00	
A. H. Rosenfield, damage to horse	25	00	
E. B. Clapp, lumber for book case, labor and ladder	15	31	
E. W. Kingsley, making bookcase	12	00	
A. K. Chapman, dist. court, Morgan case	27	54	
G. E. Knight, care of library	25	00	
H. A. Parsons, k. oil, paint, etc.	15	43	
G. E. Knight, care of hall	12	75	
" driving hearse	6	00	
A. K. Chapman, stationery, assessors' books, etc.	7	63	
F. A. Loud, stationery and postage	3	15	
" express	7	00	
Thayer fund for parish	24	00	
Dog fund for library	91	05	
State Aid,	168	00	
Street and Wright fund	88	50	
A. K. Chapman, smith work	11	30	—$ 778 22

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

William Lawler at Northampton Hospital	169	46
Isadore Howard, at Worcester hospital	169	46
Margaret Duggan, at Northampton Almshouse	75	81
Fred Pittsinger, Dr. Williams	20	00

W. Wicks, Dr. F. C. Bruce	40 50		
Henry Avery, taken to Hospital	6 00	—$	481 23

TAXES.

State tax	120 00		
County tax	412 89		
March 3. Note, borrowed money paid	1000 00		
Interest	22 00		
S. D. Lyman collector	45 74		
Abatement	46		
Levi Burt, collector 1901	47 66		
Oct. 1. Note, borrowed money paid	1000 00		
Interest	22 20		
Discount on taxes	121 36		
Discount Thayer fund	24 00		
Jan'y. 31. Note, borrowed money paid	1500 00	—$	4316 31

RECAPITULATION.

State highway	$	806 40
Highways		1045 01
Support of poor		481 23
Town officers		216 44
State and county taxes		532 89
Discount on taxes		121 36
Abatements		46
Notes and interest		3544 20
State aid		168 00
Thayer fund		24 00
Dog fund		91 05
Street and Wright fund		88 50
Collecting taxes		93 40

Miscellaneous	430 67	
Total selectmen's orders		7643 61
School committee's orders	2324 24	
Total expenditures		$ 9967 85
Balance Feb. 1st, 1902,	$2300 95	
Assessment	3647 99	
From treasurer's book	5381 33	
	11,330 27	
Balance Feb. 1, 1903,		$1362 42

E. B. CLAPP,
F. C. MONTAGUE,
A. D. RICE,
} *Selectmen of Westhampton.*

Westhampton, Feb. 1, 1903

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and find that they have drawn orders and have vouchers to the amount of seven thousand six hundred forty-three dollars and sixty-one one-hundredths ($7,643.61).

HENRY MILLER CLAPP, *Auditor*

List of Jurors.

Edward H Montague
Orville Flint
W. H. Lyman
Eugene J. Hathaway
Mahlon K. Parsons
F. C. Montague
Sereno D. Lyman

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Total Valuation	$215,002 00	
Tax rate, $16.00 per 1,000.		
Real estate tax	2,847 27	
Personal estate tax	592 72	
Polls	208 00—	$3,647 99

TAX LEVY.

State tax	120 00	
County tax	412 89	
Highways	1100 00	
Support of poor	400 00	
Town officers	225 00	
Schools	1,000 00	
State highway	250 00	
Discount on taxes	125 00	
Overlayings	15 10—	$3,647 99

E. B. CLAPP,
F. C. MONTAGUE,
A. D. RICE,
} *Assessors of Westhampton.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ending February 1, 1903.

Dr.

Balance from last year		$2,300 95
E. J. Burt, hay on town lot		1 50
Clark scholarship		2 40
A. G. Jewett, interest on Wright fund		25 00
First National Bank, Northampton		1,000 00
Northampton Institution for Savings		1,500 00
Levi Burt, interest on taxes		6 60
Trustees Whiting Street fund		52 50
N. A. Kingsley, int. on Wright fund		25 00
George E. Knight, rent of hall		1 00
State Treasurer,	insane poor	216 11
" "	inspection of animals	8 50
" "	for State highway	767 00
" "	Corporation tax	24 36
" "	National Bank tax	194 55
" "	tuition children small towns	435 00
" "	State aid	126 00
" "	income Mass. school fund	884 76

County Treasurer, dog fund	91 05	
George E. Knight, int. on Thayer fund	20 00—	$7,682 28
Amount of assessment		3,647 99
		$11,330 27

Cr.

By paid orders of Selectmen	$7.643 61	
" " School Committee	2,324 24	
Balance in treasury	1,003 99	
" due from collector	358 43—	$11,330 27

A. K. CHAPMAN, *Treasurer*

Westhampton, Feb. 1, 1903

I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct, showing disbursements to the amount of nine thousand nine hundred sixty-seven dollars and eighty-five one-hundredths ($9,967 85) for which proper vouchers are on file, and a balance of cash on hand of one thousand three and ninety-nine one-hundredths dollars ($1,003.99). Due from Collector three hundred fifty-eight and forty-three one-hundredths dollars ($358.43).

HENRY MILLER CLAPP, *Auditor*

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS.

1902

1	Jan.	8.	Albert Charles Challet.
2	Mar.	13.	Marie Henriette Billieux.
3	Apr.	15.	Walter Herbert Snow.
4	Apr.	17.	Alice Cora Connery.
5	May	19.	Bernice Margaret Delisle.
6	June	27.	Edith Jane Graves.
7	Aug.	8.	Doris Susan Clapp.
8	Aug.	10.	Samuel Justin Hathaway.
9	Aug.	23.	Arnold Dwight Williams.
10	Nov.	1.	Mary Walter Post.
11	Nov.	23.	Albert Fleury.
12	Dec.	27.	Eunice Wright Loud.
13	Dec.	30.	Edward Alfred Montague.

Births in recent years,

'92	'93	'94	'95	'96	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01
15	15	12	7	9	16	9	9	8	11

MARRIAGES. 1902

1	Sept. 30.	Peter Delisle, Jr., Southampton, Mary F. Gingrass, Westhampton.

2 Oct. 16. Francis A. Loud, Westhampton,
Minnie I. Howard, Westhampton.

Marriages in recent years.

'92	'93	'94	'95	'96	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01
4	5	5	2	4	4	4	5	1	5

DEATHS. 1902

1	April 4.	Charlotte P. Blakesley,	73– 2–13
2	April 26.	J. Drancis Norton,	86– 9–26
3	June 24.	Walter Herbert Snow,	2– 9
4	Nov. 7.	Harriet F. Clapp,	77– 9–28
5	Nov. 8.	Henry C. Avery,	58 – –

Causes of death—Renal dropsy, senile gangrene, senility, fatty degeneration of heart, whooping cough.

Deaths in recent years.

'92	'93	'94	'95	'96	'97	'98	'99	'00	'01
13	12	11	11	5	6	10	12	3	8

Mortgages of personal property, 3.
Other papers, 1.

DOGS LICENSED.

Clifford M. Bartlett,	Mar. 10	S. D. Lyman,	April 30
Alger R. Loud,	10	Mrs. S. D. Lyman	30
H. W. Montague,	April 7	Julius Billieux,	30
M. S. Norton,	12	C. T. Williams,	30
A. K. Chapman,	12	George Coleman,	30
Mrs. G. Tower,	14	E. B. Clapp,	30
S. A. Rust,	16	P. F. Carmody,	30
A. J. Griffin,	18	Lena B. Witherell,	May 1
Geo. L. Hathaway,	18	O. W. Bartlett,	1
J. H. Kingsley,	21	Elmer Lyman,	1
Wm. R. Lyman,	22	A. S. Bridgman,	30
Almon Benson,	26	H. J. Payson,	1
George Benson,	26	George Graves,	1
Eugene Hathaway,	26	A. D. Rice,	1
J. Hathaway,	26	E. H. Montague,	1
Fred Gagnon,	26	N. Damon, 2,	10
Geo. Witherell, 2,	29	J. Andrews,	15
Levi Burt,	30	J. Boucher,	June 23
C. A. Bartlett,	29	F. W. Niles,	Aug. 4
E. W. Payson,	29	F. Pitsinger,	15
F. C. Montague,	29	Charles Conners,	25
Frank Howard, 2,	30	John Gravelin,	Sept. 15
Fred Weeks,	30	F. H. Judd,	25
Chas. H. Bartlett,	30	M. A. Coleman,	25
H. M. Clapp,	30	E. C. Blaksley,	30
H. L. Dodge,	30	Mrs. M. Hall,	Oct. 4
H. W. Hemenway,	30	Chas. Conners,	4
Ira O. Shaw,	30	J. Boucher,	4

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

F. A. Loud in account with town of Westhampton.

DR.

To cash received for 6 months ending June 1, 1902,		
For license of 46 dogs at $2,	$92 00	
For license of 2 dogs at 5,	10 00	
		$102 00

CR.

By clerk's fees, 48 at 20 cents,	9 60	
By cash paid county treasurer,	92 40	
		102 00

DR.

To cash received for 6 months ending Dec. 1, 1902,		
For license of 11 dogs at $2,	22 00	
		22 00

CR.

By clerk's fees, 11 at 20 cents,	2 20	
By cash paid county treasurer,	19 80	
		22 00

Paid to county treasurer on this account for five previous years:

1897	1898	1899	1900	1901
$95.40	98.40	90.00	94.80	106.80

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. LOUD, *Town Clerk.*

Westhampton, Feb. 2, 1903.

I have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk and find them correct.

HENRY MILLER CLAPP, *Auditor.*

Report of the Joint School Board.

To the District comprising the Towns of Easthampton, Southampton and Westhampton, for the year ending July 1, 1902.

Received from State Treasurer,			$1,250 00
Credited to Superintendent's salary,		$750 00	
" to towns of district on basis of average membership of all the schools of the district for year ending July 1, 1902:			
To Easthampton,	$411 65		
To Southampton,	51 60		
To Westhampton,	36 75—	$500 00	
		$1,250 00—	$1,250 00

Received from towns of district on same basis as above:		
Town of Easthampton's share Superintendent's salary,	$699 80	
Town of Southampton's share Superintendent's salary,	87 73	
Town of Westhampton's share Superintendent's salary,	62 47—	$850 00

State Treasurer, credited to Superintendent's salary,	750 00	
	$1,600 00—	$1,600 00
Paid Superintendent's salary for year ending July 1, 1902,		$1,600 00
Net cost to Easthampton,	$288 15	
Net cost to Southampton,	36 13	
Net cost to Westhampton,	25 72—	$ 350 00

C. H. JOHNSON, Chm.,
C. N. LOUD, Secretary, } *Joint Committee.*

REPORT
of the
Superintendent of Schools.

To the School Committee.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the regular annual report of the superintendent of schools for the year 1902-1903.

In September all the schools excpt one opened with new teachers, although Miss Shaw had taught in another school in town before. The following are the teachers now in the schools:

TEACHER.	SCHOOL.	WHERE EDUCATED.
Edith T. Shaw	Center	Westfield Normal
Minnie H. Bridgman	Northeast	Mt. Holyoke College
Laura G. Turner	Hill	" "
Ella W. Hadley	South	Framingham Normal
Mae Pollard	Northwest	Northampton High

Although some of the teachers had not had experience before this year, all of the schools are believed to be in good

condition. A table showing the number enrolled, average membership, etc., for the fall term s given below.

REPORT FOR FALL TERM.

School	Teacher	Enrolled	Av. Membership	Av. Attendance	½ days absence	Cases of Tardiness
Center	Edith T. Shaw	25	23.8	21.1 plus	340	5
Hill	Laura G. Turner	23	18.9	16.1	75	16
South	Ella W. Hadley	16	13.1	10.6	310	48
North-east	MinnieH.Bridgman	17	13,5	12.2	19	8
North west	Mae Pollard	13	11.9	10.1	284	23
Tota		94	81.2	70.1		

Such a table has not been published before in this report, but a similar table is published annually in many towns, and this may be interesting to the citizens of the town.

All of the school rooms are now provided with slate blackboards. They are a great convenience to the teacher and to the pupils, and are economical in the end, because no repairs are required. It costs, on the average, about $3 a year to keep the plaster blackboards in a school room in repair. The new slate blackboards at the Center school cost about $30, as is shown in the report of the committee, but they will last as long as the schoolhouse stands, without further expense.

Very respectfully, W. D. MILLER.

REPORT

of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

STATEMENT OF SCHOOLS, TEACHERS EMPLOYED, WAGES.

CENTER SCHOOL.

Abigail P. Curtis, Edith T. Shaw.

No. of pupils enrolled	29
Average membership	23
" attendance	20.5
No. of pupils over 15 years	1
" " under 5 years	2
" " between 7 and 14	21
No. of weeks school	34
Wages of teachers	$306 00
Fuel, 2 3-4 cords hard, 1 cord soft	$15 75
Repairs	4 75
Slate blackboards	22 61

Freight on same	3 00
Labor on same 3½ days	5 25
Material for bands	1 25
Janitors	8 00

An entirely new set of blackboards have been put in this school house covering a space of over 160 square feet.

The boards were ordered before the close of the spring term, to be delivered during the summer vacation, but in some way were mis-sent and we did not get them until the winter term. We were fortunate in ordering them early, as the price advanced nearly 20 per cent during the summer.

All our school houses have now been supplied with slate blackboards.

SOUTH SCHOOL

Mary A. Lyman, Ella W. Hadley.

No. of pupils enrolled,	17
Average membership,	14
" attendance,	13.5
No. of pupils over 15 years,	0
" " under 5 years,	1
" " between 7 and 14 years,	11
No. of weeks school,	34
Wages of teachers,	$272 00
Fuel,	14 00
Repairs,	7 20
Janitors,	8 00

The seats in this school house are much worn and are in need of repair. Your committee recommends the removal of them and the replacing of them by the modern seat and desk,

making them much more comfortable for the pupil and giving more room for blackboard work.

More damage is done to this house during vacation time than to any other school house in town. In the summer vacation more than a dozen lights were either badly cracked or broken out, and it is impossible to keep a rope on the flag staff in good repair for more than one term.

HILL SCHOOL.

Ruth S. Mitchell, Laura G. Turner.

No. of pupils enrolled,	24
Average membership,	18
" attendance,	15
No. of pupils over 15 years,	0
" " under 5 "	1
" " between 7 and 14 years,	19
No. of weeks school,	34
Wages paid teachers,	$272 00
C. H. Bartlett, fuel,	16 00
Repairs,	2 75
Cleaning school house,	3 00
Janitors' services,	7 00

The roof on the west side of this house is in bad condition and will need to be shingled in the near future, and the repairs necessary in plastering the hall have not been made on account of the extra expense incurred in the Northeast and Center school houses.

NORTH-EAST SCHOOL.

Minnie H. Bridgman.

No. of pupils enrolled,	18
Average membership,	13
" attendance,	12
No. of pupils over 15 years.	0
" " under 5 years,	0
" " between 7 and 14 years,	13
No. of weeks school,	34
Wages paid teachers,	$272 00
Fuel,	4 72
Janitors,	7 70
Shingles,	34 85
Shingling and repairs,	15 82

Your committee found that this building would not answer for another year and we have made all necessary repairs. The building is now in good condition, but the seats are much worn and need repairing and we hope the time is not far distant when they can be replaced with more modern and comfortable seats.

NORTH-WEST SCHOOL.

Elizabeth C. Dugdale, Ida May Pollard.

No. of pupils enrolled,	14
Average membership,	10
" attendance,	9
No. of pupils over 15 years,	0
" " under 5 years,	0
" " between 7 and 14 years,	12
No. of weeks school	34
Wages of teacher	$249 75

Janitors	6 30
Freight on blackboards	1 19
Repairs and material for blackboards	6 50
Window shades	2 55

This school house is now in good condition, new blackboards have been put in, the windows have been repaired, and new window shades have been put in, so that the repairs should be light for several years.

EXPENSES.

Teachers' salaries	$1,375 75
Loudville school	286 66
Tuition	255 00
Salary Superintendent	25 72
Fuel, C. H. Bartlett	20 00
" C. N. Loud	14 19
" H. A. Parsons	5 56
" M. G. Crandall	6 00
" A. D. Montague	4 75
Easthampton, school supplies	65 31
Ordinary repairs	21 20
Permanent repairs, blackboards	22 61
G. R. Miller, work on blackboards, 2 days	3 00
C. N. Loud, " " 1½ days	2 25
C. N. Loud, material for bands	1 25
Freight	3 00
Florence Furniture Co., shingles	34 00
L. W. Clapp, laying shingles, nails, etc.,	13 10
A. D. Montague, drawing shingles	3 91
Water Co.	6 00
Janitors	37 00

Books of reference	7 50
Cleaning schoolhouses	13 75
Express and freight	2 85
1 dozen brooms	3 50
Postage and stationery	3 50
Window glass	3 60
Sundries	4 00
F. D. Bridgman, services	7 00
A. D. Montague	8 00
C. N. Loud	26 00
Unpaid from last year	38 28
	$2,324 24

RESOURCES.

Town appropriation	1,000 00
Income Mass. School fund	544 00
Extra pay of teachers	340 00
Tuition	435 00
Balance from last year	297 95
Permanent repairs	83 12
	$2,699 87

The balance shown as remaining for school work will be more than taken up, as we received from Northampton on Monday following the settlement a bill of one hundred and twenty dollars for tuition, and one from Easthampton for about sixty dollars for school supplies, and there will be another bill soon for one hundred and twenty dollars more for the spring term tuition.

If we deduct from the thousand dollars raised by the town the amount of the Loudville school, $286.66, the balance

remaining would not be enough to pay our teachers only about $4.00 per week, and counting out all other necessary expenses there would not be enough remaining to pay $3.00 per week.

A. D. MONTAGUE,
F. D. BRIDGMAN,
C. N. LOUD.
} *School Committee.*

Westhampton, Feb. 1, 1903.

I find on examination of the accounts of the School Committee that they have given orders which have been paid by the Treasurer to the amount of two thousand, three hundred twenty-four dollars and twenty-four cents (2324.24).

HENRY MILLER CLAPP, *Auditor.*

ARTICLES

IN THE

Warrant for Town Meeting, March 2d, 1903.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk.

Art. 3. To act upon all reports presented at said meeting.

Art. 4. To choose all necessary Town Officers to serve the town the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see if the town will rescind the vote taken at the annual March meeting, 1898, to accept the provisions of Chapter 374, Sec. 1, Acts of 1895, to place the administration of the highways under a single Highway Surveyor.

Art. 6. To take any other action in regard to Highways.

Art. 7. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

Art. 8. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To vote "Yes" or "No" on the question, Shall

license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town.

Art. 10. To hear the report of a committee appointed by vote of the town three years ago, to procure and place markers on the graves of any Soldiers or Sailors of the Revolutionary War that may be buried in this town, and to take such action as may be thought best in the matter.

Art. 11. To take action in regard to the collection of Taxes.

Art. 12. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money to meet current expenses in anticipation of Taxes.